

FORM B – BUILDING



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

728

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 50 Hancock St.

Historic Name Warren M. Batcheller House #3

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1903–1904

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)

Rear porch (date unknown)



Condition

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.78 A.

Setting On a heavily-trafficked residential street in a neighborhood of large, high style 19th- and early 20th-century houses

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) January 1998, revised Sept. 2001

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ see continuation sheet

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

50 Hancock St. is one of a number of well-preserved Colonial Revival houses in Lexington and contributes to the group of high-style 19th- and early 20th-century houses on Hancock St. The house is rectangular in plan, 2½ stories, two-by-three bays with a number of projecting bays, and is hip-roofed with hipped dormers and two chimneys. It is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. The center entrance has a surround with pilasters at the sides and a dentil course across the top; the windows are diamond-paned/1 or 6/1 double hung sash. Ornamental finishes include a wide molded cornice with modillions, many diamond paned windows including a double window on the north elevation with both diamond and small panes, and a wraparound porch with Tuscan posts.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ see continuation sheet

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

This house was built in 1903 by Warren M. Batcheller, who lived at 46 Hancock St. (MHC #725). In 1888 Batcheller bought the lot on which this house stands, which at the time had an older house on it. In 1897 he built the house now at 46 Hancock St. on the lot, in 1902 sold the old house (it was moved to Bedford St.), and in 1903 was assessed for "1 house" (46 Hancock St.) and "2 unfinished houses" (this house and the one at 48 Hancock St. [MHC #726]). The latter two houses were finished by 1904. The present owner says this house was based on plans of a house in Salem, though is a smaller version of it.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ see continuation sheet

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☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*